

TRADOC Executive Safety Council VTC Minutes

9 Dec 03

1. The TRADOC Executive Safety Council (ESC) was convened via video teleconference (VTC) by LTG Jones, 1330, 9 Dec 03.
2. Attendees:

LTG Jones, TRADOC DCG/CofS  
MG Barrett, DCSOPS&T  
MG Huntoon, Carlisle Barracks  
MG Van Antwerp, Fort Leonard Wood  
BG Lenaers, APG  
BG Geehan, CG, Fort Eustis  
BG Matia, DCG CASCOM  
BG Coker, Futures Center  
BG Negrette, Army Accessions Command  
COL(P) Anderson, Fort Bliss  
COL Phillips, Cadet Command  
COL Allmendinger, Cdr, Fort Monroe  
COL Limoges, DCG, USAR  
COL Murphy, DCG, ARNG  
COL McCallum, SJA  
COL Durkin, DCSPIL  
COL Campbell, TRADOC PAO  
COL Buckley, CAC  
COL Simone, DLI  
COL Cornwell, Fort Benning  
COL Browning, Fort Huachuca  
COL Martin, Fort Jackson  
COL Forrester, Fort Rucker  
COL Gahagan, CofS, Fort Knox  
COL Knighton, SSI  
COL Kilgore, SWIC  
MAJ Mabrey, TRADOC Safety  
MAJ Meeker, TRADOC Safety  
MAJ Ellyson, TRADOC Surgeon  
CPT Livingston, Fort Sill  
Mr. Campbell, CIO  
Mr. Sun, IMA  
Mr. McFarland, DCSINT  
Ms. Devens, NERO  
Mr. Teifer, DCSRM  
Ms. Pierce, TRADOC Safety

*No mention of agenda  
or briefing*

3. Highlights from LTG Jones opening remarks: DCG/CofS opened the meeting with the following remarks and comments.

a. Primary safety officers in the Army are leaders/Commanders.

b. Take a micro look at post driver training programs.

c. Lack of seat belt usage is a growing issue surrounding POV accidents.

d. Place a heightened emphasis on POV accident prevention initiatives and program implementation. Share program success stories within the entire TRADOC command. Formats such as the safety council provide opportunity to share safety programs that aid in accident prevention.

e. Gen Byrnes will likely chair next TRADOC ESC VTC prior to the summer. (Next safety council meeting is tentatively scheduled ~~21 Apr 04~~ 15 Apr 04)

f. TRADOC will plan for two safety councils per year (spring/fall) one prior to winter holiday exodus and the second in the spring.

3. Old Business. None.

4. New Business.

a. Accident Statistics Review (Ms. Cathy Pierce briefed): Briefing covered statistic ~~charts of all accidents in~~ <sup>data for</sup> TRADOC over the last <sup>fy</sup> fiscal year <sup>to</sup> present.

(1) COL(P) Anderson, Fort Bliss, asked a question that ~~regarding any impact to accidents seen as a result of~~ inquired about stats that query the new IET PT program. The current stats did not specifically address this issue. The safety office took this request as a due out for next safety council. *As an interim, the TRADOC Surgeon has advised*

? (2) LTG Jones voiced that just minor fender-benders in Fleet Management Agency (FMA) has resulted in over \$200K worth of damages this year.

(3) LTG Jones stated we (TRADOC) need to get back to accident rates similar to FY 01, ask the question: "what did we do right during this year that can be implemented in future

safety programs?" He also indicated that POV accidents are attributed to speed, fatigue, and experience. He specifically asked Commanders to emphasize safety focus on the most at risk group by profiling soldiers most "at risk" for POV accidents:

- E1-E5, 19-26 yrs old
- Off duty
- Traveling early morning hours, off-post, and over 50 miles from work

(4) LTG Jones wanted Commanders to ask this question at their installation, who is training and certifying equipment drivers/operators? He reminded all that aviation accidents are not just caused from inexperience since current accident trends indicate IPs were in the cockpit at the time of their accident.

(5) BG Geehan talked about the success of "Click-it or Ticket" Programs and also said they (Fort Eustis) recorded 27 percent of its personnel not wearing belts during front gate checks. He also talked to the dangers of using generators in homes that can cause asphyxiation or overload electrical outlets.

(6) LTG Jones wrapped-up the accident statistics briefing with the following comments:

(a) I want to invite the NTSB to brief seat belt safety and injuries related to not wearing belts at next ESC VTC.

(b) Commanders/leaders must know soldier demographics and focus on POV accident prevention profiling.

(c) Three deaths have occurred during PT. The lack of current physicals is a common dominator - check this.

(d) Update MEDPROS to ensure an accurate database.

(e) Enhance the practice of "pride in ownership" policies for both TMPs and military vehicles.

(f) Look into leadership failures at accident sites. <sup>u</sup>  
Check the lack of presence or lack of leaders making on-spot corrections and safety calls. Reemphasize leader involvement to push proactive safety initiatives.

(g) Safety Review Boards, keep chain of command involved and keep soldiers informed down to the lowest level, all leaders must pay attention to this.

(h) LTG Jones challenged all Commanders and leaders to get involved, and don't expect immediate return on investment - long fight ahead to keep FY 02 as a base line year with FY 04/05 as accident improvement years.

(i) Commanders must think seriously about how we identify risks and implement controls that protect soldiers during the holiday season~~to~~

b. MAJ Ellyson briefed cold weather injuries and recommended commanders/leaders mark soldiers with colored tags to identify high-risk soldiers (previous cold weather injuries). Leaders need to identify and watch soldiers who have experienced previous illness or injuries from cold weather because they may be more susceptible to cold weather injuries.

(1) COL Simone from DLI talked the dangers of fuel handling in cold temperatures and the active use of rubber gloves to reduce exposure, LTG Jones recommended review of fuel handling regulations AR 250-29, 350-9, TRADOC Reg 08-05-062 and 08-06-012.

c. COL Lovett briefed TRADOC EXODUS: There ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> no unresolved issues for the FY 04 Exodus.

d. Open Discussion.

(1) BG Lenaers from Aberdeen Proving Ground commented on findings that payday weekend accidents rates are much higher than long weekends and recommended we look at this trend in accident stats.

(2) CAC - COL Buckley commented on preparing CGCS students for joining deployed units.

(3) Carlisle Barracks had no issues.

(4) DLI sending 3300 students to San Francisco for flights home - no major issue to report.

(5) Fort Benning - COL Cornwell talked about fusing risk management into METL and force protection.

(6) Fort Bliss - COL(P) Anderson thought we should share presentations and issues with FORSCOM units.

(7) Fort Gordon - BG Hicks talked about the Safety Show weekend (5 shows with safety skits), post Click-it or Ticket Program, and safety contracts signed by trainees and mailed to their home.

(8) Fort Huachuca - COL Browning discussed Click-it or Ticket Program, and the upcoming post Safety Day (6 May 04).

(9) Fort Jackson - COL Martin highlighted winter training time with transition PCI for Soldiers.

(10) Fort Knox - COL Gahagan, CofS reinforced issues of burning candles in homes and billets. He also explained the need for oversight of contractor safety due to recent accident experience at Fort Knox.

(11) Fort Lee - COL Butler commented on the Fort Lee post Safety Show.

(12) Fort Leonard Wood just finished the Click-it or Ticket Program, Booze-it or Loose-it Program, the use of <sup>inclusion</sup> fatal vision goggles <sup>to simulate impairment</sup> and highlighted the QTB with additional safety stats and information.

(13) Fort Rucker stated they had no safety issues and commented on support for the new centralized database for aviation planning.

(14) Fort Sill discussed safety training to first-line supervisors and review of <sup>the</sup> Commander's memorandum. ~~LTG Jones reinforced this indicating that safety cannot exist in a memorandum and must be integrated into every cockpit and drivers seat.~~

(15) <sup>Not</sup> ~~USARAC Fort Knox~~ - BG Matia discussed that POV safety emphasis must be placed on drilling soldiers and RC units returning to CONUS, and soldiers in support of Noble Eagle.

5. LTG Jones' closing comments encapsulated the 2-hour safety council meeting. He stated the most critical issue at hand in TRADOC is prevention of fatal accidents involving soldiers, family members, civil service personnel, or government contract employees.

6. Next ESC will be scheduled on 21 Apr 04 (tentative). Plan for 2-hour VTC, potentially hosted by CG.

7. Taskings:

*list tasks as an enclosure  
apart from minutes.*

✓ a. Review of FY 03/04 statistics to date to include IET PT program stats/injury rates statistic review. (Action: TRADOC Safety)

b. Solicit topics of interest from the field to discuss during next council meeting. (Action: TRADOC Safety)

c. Commander's brief-back concerning manpower study regarding safety structure and asset utilization. (Action: TRADOC Subordinate Commanders)

d. Publish TRADOC Fatality AAR process brief. (Action: TRADOC Safety)

e. Request NTSB seat belt safety briefing at next safety council meeting. (Action: TRADOC Safety)

f. Brief TRADOC water safety briefing at next safety council meeting. (Action: TRADOC Safety)

g. Brief TRADOC Heat Injury Prevention at next safety council meeting. (Action: TRADOC Surgeon)

h. How do we ensure soldiers maintain up-to-date physical exams? (Action: TRADOC Surgeon)

i. Update MEDPROS to ensure an accurate database. (Action: TRADOC Surgeon)

j. Are accident rates higher over payday weekends? (Action: TRADOC Safety)

k. Include information/statistics on the new IET PT program for the next safety council meeting (Action: TRADOC Safety).